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Everyone, As per our discussion yesterday, BLM Utah offers the following proposed agenda for the 1/4 Thurs weekly coordination call. I think I included everyone - please distribute if/as appropriate. Thank you to everyone for the support.

Happy New Year, everyone! Anita

I will be on AL next week so sending this in advance. Ed and Team Utah will be on the call.

1. Progress Updates

NOI + Comms Plan Implementation (any communication to coordinate?)
 BLM USFS BENM action plan (updated action plan with timeframes attached we shared w USFS regional contacts today)
 Budget FY17 & FY18
 Confirm staff assistance (WO200/400 or other) for scoping team and contracting

2. Discussion Topics

Status/preparation of BENM MAC FRN and charter (request WO assistance)
 Coop MOU review (USFS, PLPCO, Garfield Co., Kane Co., San Juan Co.)

3. Focus for Coming Week

Coop Agency and Tribal invitation letters

Also, for your awareness:

BLM Utah will be submitting comments next week to WO600 Leg Affairs for the following three proposals:

H.R. 4532: Shash Jáa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act

H.R. 4518: Bears Ears National Monument Expansion Act

H.R. 4558: Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act

And we provided copy of monument review related FOIA lawsuit we received 12/26 to Laura Brown and Ryan Sklar on 12/27 (Conservation Lands Foundation v DOI/BLM/UTSO/CEQ/OMB in D.DC)

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BLM and USFS Action Plan
Bears Ears National Monument – Shash Jaa Unit
Land Use Planning Process
DRAFT - December 28, 2017

To expedite the planning process BLM will serve as the designated lead federal agency and USFS as a cooperating agency. Both agencies will work jointly to complete a Resource Management Plan for the Shash Jaa Unit of the Bears Ears National Monument. Both agencies will issue a Record of Decision.

NOTE: This action plan includes the key milestones and does not include all tasks necessary to accomplish completion of this planning effort. The action plan will be updated once key milestones are completed as many of the steps in this effort are sequentially dependent.

| Estimated Dates | BLM Task | USFS Task |
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| Ongoing | Prepare NOI FRN | USFS reviewed draft FRN and provided comments 12/20/17 |
| Ongoing | Contract for public scoping | No task |
| 01/05/2018 | Initiate Scoping – FRN publishes | |
| Week of 01/08/18 | Invite cooperating agencies- request responses within 2 weeks | USFS reviewed draft letter and mailing list |
| Week of 01/08/2018 | Initiate Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation | USFS reviewed draft letter and mailing list |
| Dependent on MAC nomination FRN and charter | Shash Jaa Commission meeting kick-off initiate preparation of MOU | USFS to attend tribal commission meetings Review draft MOU |
| Week of 01/22/2018 | Prepare cooperating agency MOUs | USFS review |
| Throughout process | Management to participate in tribal listening sessions | Management to participate in tribal listening sessions |
| After scoping contractor and strike team are in place (approximately mid-Feb to mid-March) | Hold public scoping meetings – assume strike team and contractor so limited UT BLM/USFS role | Hold public scoping meetings – assume strike team and contractor so limited UT BLM/USFS role |
| Mid-March – Mid-May | Scoping Contractor to Synthesize scoping comments and generate scoping report. BLM and USFS to review draft report prior to making it publicly available. | BLM and USFS to review draft report prior to making it publicly available. |
| Est. posting of scoping report June 2018 | | |
| Have contractor on board by end of scoping process – process already initiated with NOC | Contract for NEPA and Planning – Statement of work, government estimate, contractor evaluation | Review of draft contract |
| June-July 2018 | BLM Analysis of the Management Situation/USFS planning assessment and cooperating agency review | BLM Analysis of the Management Situation/USFS planning assessment |
| August-September 2018 | Alternatives Development – developed with all cooperating agencies | Alternatives Development – developed with all cooperating agencies |
| October–February 2019 | Preparation of DEIS/DRMPs | DEIS/DRMP developed with all cooperating agencies |
| During DEIS prep | Initiate USFWS Consultation – BLM lead | Ensure that species list in BO is complete prior to BLM initiating consultation |
| During DEIS prep | Initiate SHPO Consultation – BLM lead | Ensure BLM has accurate site information for USFS-administered lands prior to initiating SHPO consultation |
| February 2019 | Draft NOA FRN package | No task |
| March 2019 | Draft EIS/DRMPs | |
| April – June 2019 | Public review of DEIS/DRMP (90 days required) | No task |

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| July – August 2019 | Comment analysis | Comment analysis |
| September –November 2019 | Preparation of proposed RMP/FEIS | FEIS/PRMP developed with all cooperating agencies |
| During FEIS prep | Preparation of Biological Assessment | No task |
| November 2019 | Final EIS/proposed RMP NOA FRN package | No task |
| December 2019 | Final EIS/Proposed RMPs | |
| January - February 2020 | BLM 30 day protest period + WO resolution of protest | No task |
| January - February 2020 | BLM 60 day Governor's Consistency Review | No task |
| March 2020 | BLM ROD NOA package to WO | No Task |
| March 2020 | ROD/Approved RMP | ROD/ Approved RMP |